



Breathe Hope

"Watching my father struggle to catch his breath is difficult. Losing my aunt to pulmonary fibrosis was heartbreaking. My family was born and raised in Pittsburgh's Steel Valley and many of them suffer from respiratory conditions, a legacy of Pittsburgh's poor air quality."

-Angela Garcia, Executive Director



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Helping our community breathe easier

To manage his respiratory distress, my father – like many seniors and young children in our community - needs a small machine called a nebulizer for breathing treatments. Respiratory conditions and overall health worsen when breathing treatments are delayed or unavailable, which can result in preventable visits to the ER and extremely scary moments fighting to breathe.

Project Breathe Hope was born in part to meet the local community need for better access to treatment. We are working to keep gently used nebulizers out of the landfill and redistribute these small but mighty machines to our under-insured neighbors and those without insurance. No one should fight through their respiratory distress unassisted because a simple device is not easily accessible.

In 2018, Global Links received 486 nebulizers from people living in 43 states. Want to contribute to the cause too? You can help by donating a gently used nebulizer to Global Links or by donating the cost of \$30 for the new masks and accessories.

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